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**By Facsimile**

The Commissioner of Patents & Trademarks  
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Dear Sir:

**Re: RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**  
**United States Patent Application No. 09/934,634**  
**Entitled: Methods and Compositions For Modulating Fertility**  
**Inventors: Reginald M. Gorczynski and David A. Clark**  
**Filing Date: August 23, 2001**  
**Examiner: Jessica H. Roark**  
**Art Unit: 1644**

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The present letter is filed in response to the office action of May 1, 2003.

Applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, Group I, the claims readable thereon as being claims 1-5. This is without prejudice to Applicant filing divisional application to the subject matter of Groups II-VII.

Applicant's traversal is on the grounds that the invention of Group V is classified in the same class and subclass as Group I. Therefore, we request that Group V is combined with Group I as it would not require an additional search to search both Groups. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing comments and amendments, we respectfully submit that the application is in order for allowance and early indication of that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner deem it beneficial to discuss the application in

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greater detail, she is kindly requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at (416) 364-7311 at her convenience.

Respectfully submitted,

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